

# Advent Tree

AT ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL



Today begins the season of Advent! This year, we have set up two Advent Trees in the back of the Nave. They highlight a few of the ministries we partner with in our community, near and far, to “come alongside” and provide encouragement, acts of service, and resources. They are decorated with “ornaments” describing specific ways you can help these ministries.

During Advent, we are reminded what it means to wait, and to think of others. Please take the time to learn more about these ministries and how you can be a part of them. You can take an ornament off one of the trees, follow the specific instructions on the back, and return any requested items to the Cathedral by December 20. Thank you for your support and for spreading the light of Christ, near and far!

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.” ACTS 1:8

DURING THE ADVENT SEASON, WE INVITE YOU TO REFLECT ON THE EVANGELISM AND MISSION MINISTRIES WITHIN ST. PETER'S. PLEASE SEE THIS WEEK'S FOCUS ON PRISON MINISTRIES:

*“The prison is a place where the “harvest is plenty but the workers are few.” A place where if you give a little, you get a little. If you give a lot, you get a lot. The growth I have in my 20+ years in this ministry comes only through God’s Grace. I see men become born again and born of the spirit. I have literally seen through the laying on of hands the sins of a man rise out of him. Most of us grow through the educational variety, but some are transformed instantly. Kairos is a 3 1/2 day intensive retreat where men give of their time and their hearts to bless and encourage those in prison. Celebrate Recovery is a 12 week continuous growth study that works in everyday life. This is an experience you may not want to miss. It may help you more than them. We go forth in mission, and leave the results to God.” - Bobby Carrouth, leader within the Prison Ministry Evangelism Core at St. Peter’s*

Kairos is a retreat held at Wakulla Prison and men in our parish participate in this program. The Kairos retreat focuses on forming a personal relationship with God during a few days of discerning and discovery. Through the course of the retreat, the building of a strong community takes place, as there is a strong focus on the concepts of confidentiality and trust within the small groups and the entire retreat group as well.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Weekly Celebrate Recovery is taken into the prisons for continued programs, prayer, and fellowship celebrating Christ’s healing power in the lives of people as they work their way along the road to recovery. Lives are changed as experiences, strengths, and hopes are shared with one another. In addition, individuals become willing to accept God’s grace and forgiveness in solving life’s problems.

## ways to GIVE

All gifts are due back to the Cathedral anytime between now and December 20 to Room 101B for safe keeping. Please visit the trees in the back of the Nave to grab an information sheet to learn more about each ministry and collect an ornament. There are opportunities to give with your money or to give with your time.



UGANDA VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Sponsor a student and pay their school fees so they can learn about the transforming power of Christ or pay for students to have lunch provided for a year.



WINGS FOR CHANGE

Provide a gift of \$60 to provide five young women with feminine hygiene products for an entire year.



A WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER / PHI CENTER

Purchase baby items for the AWPC's "Belly Boutique" or purchase clothes, toys, and diapers for young women and families the PHI Center serves.



A\*RISE MINISTRY

Purchase a gift for a child that will not otherwise receive one to encourage their continual participation in an environment where the Gospel is proclaimed.



MICCOSUKEE HILLS

Fill a blessing bag with items to brighten the day of a disabled or elderly resident and remind them that Christ loves them.

## ways to SERVE

**Kairos Prison Ministry:** Write an encouraging note sharing the hope of Christ to a specific inmate of Wakulla Correctional Institution.

**Prayer Walks:** Sign up to commit to being part of one monthly prayer walk in the first quarter of 2021 to share the Good News of Christ within our own local community.

**Prayer and Fasting for St. Peter's:** Sign up to be part of the Evangelism & Missions Prayer Team and commit to a full day of prayer and fasting in the first quarter of 2021.

**Phi Center / A Women's Pregnancy Center:** Sign up to be part of one of the many volunteer opportunities that are available at A Woman's Pregnancy Center and PHI Center that range from stocking pantry shelves to facilitating training to offering crisis counseling. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone to share in His love within such work.